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on Committees shall conduct said hearings in accordance with its own rulings. I do not believe that this is a question before us here at this time. I do not know other than this what I have just read to you of what would be the penalty against that committee. We do have the bill on the floor at this time, and I would so rule.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Maybe three cold jaternice' ought to be distributed to each member of the Legislature or something.

SPEAKER: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: I didn't want to talk on the rule that you are aruging on, I wanted to talk on the bill itself. Shall I wait sir?

SPEAKER: Proceed

SENATOR NICHOL: I just wanted to correct something that Senator Chambers said a minute ago. He said that some of us were suggesting that we were winking at a wrong doing even though that we knew it was wrong. He was inferring that there were no remedies available and what we are saying is that there are remedies available. Why do this when there are remedies available.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, is it proper for me to ask Senator Burrows a question?

SPEAKER: Senator Burrows do you yield?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Burrows I would like to have what we call a "for instance". What has labor and the employee, what has caused....what is this bill going to do that is not already being able to be done. That is all that I want to know. Tell me what has happened, what has come about that you need this legislation?

SENATOR BURROWS: Well, 410 unsettled claims where the Labor Commissioner felt that he could have collected most of them. These are reported instances. Now, I would like to remind you that there is a thrashers law on the book....

SENATOR KEYES: Just a question, you said that there were 400 some claims, what are these claims? By who and against who? And, for what?

SENATOR BURROWS: These are claims that the Labor Commissioner felt should have been collectable, that he could have collected over 90% if he had a tool to collect it or enforcement if it were, if our laws created it as wrong other than for civil penalty to go sue for that claim.

SENATOR KEYES: In other words an employee said that he was not able to collect money from his employer?

SENATOR BURROWS: That is correct.